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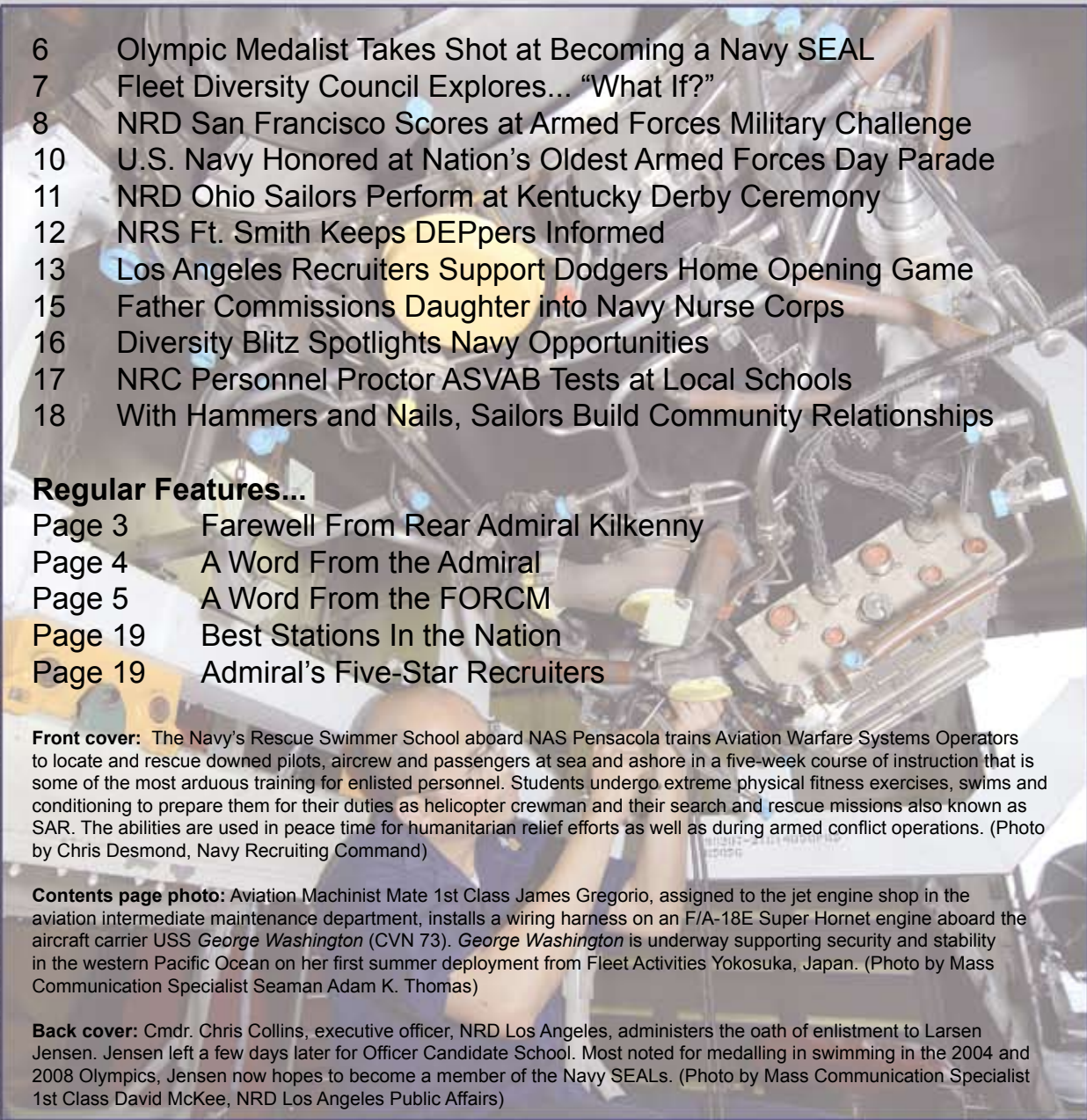
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Front cover: The Navy's Rescue Swimmer School aboard NAS Pensacola trains Aviation Warfare Systems Operators to locate and rescue downed pilots, aircrew and passengers at sea and ashore in a five-week course of instruction that is some of the most arduous training for enlisted personnel. Students undergo extreme physical fitness exercises, swims and conditioning to prepare them for their duties as helicopter crewman and their search and rescue missions also known as SAR. The abilities are used in peace time for humanitarian relief efforts as well as during armed conflict operations. (Photo by Chris Desmond, Navy Recruiting Command)

Contents page photo: Aviation Machinist Mate 1st Class James Gregorio, assigned to the jet engine shop in the aviation intermediate maintenance department, installs a wiring harness on an F/A-18E Super Hornet engine aboard the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73). *George Washington* is underway supporting security and stability in the western Pacific Ocean on her first summer deployment from Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan. (Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Adam K. Thomas)

Back cover: Cmdr. Chris Collins, executive officer, NRD Los Angeles, administers the oath of enlistment to Larsen Jensen. Jensen left a few days later for Officer Candidate School. Most noted for medalling in swimming in the 2004 and 2008 Olympics, Jensen now hopes to become a member of the Navy SEALs. (Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David McKee, NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs)

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Farewell From Rear Admiral Kilkenny



Shipmates:

It has been my pleasure to command and lead the hardest working group of men and women in the United States Navy. Not only have you successfully met my toughest challenges during the past three years, you have exceeded them as well.

Over the past three years you “bag-toting recruiters” have recruited 153,000 enlisted and 7,900 officer personnel vital to the readiness posture of the Navy and the nation, while providing the best “fit” to Fleet requirements in Navy Recruiting Command (NRC) history.

Your hard work and dedication have been the key to a very successful Total Force Recruiting organization that supports and sustains our Navy mission by recruiting the right people, in the right amount, with the right abilities and placing them in the right job. These efforts have definitely helped establish the Navy as a true “Top 50” employer of choice.

Each of you ... active duty, reserve, and civilian alike, are supported by strong families, and are not only the core of our Navy’s preeminent global maritime power, but also of the Total Force Navy Recruiting Team. As we strive to achieve more with less, becoming smarter as well as leaner, we must look to the future and remain fully engaged at all levels.

As you continue on the journey of change and expansion of your areas of responsibility in the final quarter of FY2009, I would ask each of you to enhance your engagement in all areas as well. By doing so, you will enhance the future of Navy recruiting now and in the future.

The accomplishments you achieved during my tenure went above and beyond expectation. Not only did you recruit Sailors with skills vital to the Navy’s Combat Support Operations meeting all NSW/NSO accession requirements, you met the

call from CNO to diversify our enlisted and officer ranks and improve our representation of women in critical and non-traditional ratings as well. Additionally, you excelled at meeting the needs of our officer ranks

across the board, specifically in the nuclear power, chaplain and direct access medical fields. And, you’ve done all of this during some of the toughest economic times our great nation has ever faced.

I attribute this tremendous success not just to the production recruiters across the nation, but to my exceptional headquarters and region staffs as well. These behind-the-scenes personnel provided you the tools to get the job done in the form of NRC Command Forms reduction, S.T.A.R.T. Guide, REIP/RCAP overhaul, stronger marketing and advertising, social networking Web sites and Web-based training, the DEP tool kit and more. NRC would not have achieved its unprecedented successes without the day in and day out herculean efforts of this outstanding Total Force Navy Recruiting Team.

I have been extremely proud to be your Commander. As I depart Navy Recruiting Command at the change of command ceremony scheduled for July 23rd in Millington, I personally thank and salute each and every member of this organization and your families for your professional service and dedication to mission accomplishment.

Keep pushing toward success. And thank you!



Rear Admiral Joseph F. Kilkenny





Shipmates:

On July 23 I assumed command of Navy Recruiting Command from Rear Adm. J. F. Kilkenny. It has been my pleasure to serve as Deputy Commander for almost two years and I look forward to finishing up FY09 in what we believe will be one of the most successful recruiting years ever. Adm. Kilkenny leaves a lasting legacy of success and unwavering dedication to supporting our recruiters in the field. We wish him 'Fair Winds and Following Seas' as he heads to Pensacola, Fla., to become Commander of Naval Education and Training Command.

As we move ahead, I look forward to leading this great command through the end of this fiscal year. A new Commander and Deputy Commander will be reporting on board in September. Rear Adm. Craig Faller is ordered in as your next Commander and Rear Adm. Robin Graf will become the new Deputy Commander. Capt. Eric Johnson reported as our new Chief of Staff at the end of July from his previous tour as commanding officer of NRD Philadelphia. Former Chief of Staff, Capt. Jerry Anderson, is transferring to the United States Naval Academy in August. As many of you know, Capt. Anderson has dedicated many years of service to the Navy Recruiting Command team as the headquarters Chief of Staff, Region Commander, and NRD CO. He played a key role in implementing innovative programs and policy to the field and we thank him for his commitment and dedication to our mission.

FY09 is shaping up to be one of the most successful years in recruiting production history. While all areas of production have reached new heights, we still have some challenges ahead in FY09! With two months left to fine-tune the end results, I ask that you keep the press on and focus on FIT. Our goal is to achieve fit in all AC and RC officer and enlisted missions. I know we are up to the task!

FY10 is expected to be a year unlike any in the past and will present unique challenges. The enlisted DEP is at a higher level than ever before. Your continued efforts to mentor and train these future Sailors will no doubt reduce attrition and prepare them well for RTC. Our reserve recruiters will continue to be challenged since fewer people are leaving active duty

as a result of the slow economy. Officer goals for both active and reserve are going up, but I am confident our officer recruiting team is extremely capable and ready to move out to achieve success. It's important to get the word out that "We're Hiring!"

We also must take full advantage of every opportunity to tell the Navy story and get the message out. Planting these seeds now is critical to future success. To those in the field, our HQ team is here to support you. Our commitment to the "bag-carrying recruiter" will not change. We have our work cut out for us, so this is no time to take off the pack!

I view the men and women of Navy Recruiting Command as a family -- a Navy family -- made up of Sailors, civilians, and contractors. Whether in the office or on liberty, we must look out for each other and take care of our shipmates. It's important to treat each other with dignity and respect, and to remember that we are Navy ambassadors at all times. Our Sailors' personal conduct and appearance are extremely important since we represent the face of the Navy across our nation. We must hold ourselves to the highest standards -- we're accountable to ourselves and to each other for our actions.

I want to thank each and every member of this team for their dedication and commitment to this great organization. Because of your efforts and ideas, we've made significant improvements to our processes and are finishing up a banner year. Let's make it a home run for 2009 -- keep the press on and let's finish the year with FIT in all categories.



Rear Admiral Robin R. Braun
Commander, Navy Recruiting Command



A Word From the FORCM



Shipmates:

Transition is a daily part of Navy life. We watch our shipmates progress in rank throughout their careers and we see them transfer from one command to another. Many transitions are time-honored and filled with regalia; others are simple, yet no less important.

Two notable transitions are occurring: Rear Adm. Kilkenny transfers authority to Rear Adm. Robin Braun; and a number of first class petty officers will soon transition into the August group of Chief Petty Officer.

First, I would like to wish the fairest of winds and following seas to Rear Adm. Kilkenny and his wife, Marianne, as they transition to life in Pensacola where Rear Adm. Kilkenny takes the helm of Naval Education and Training Command.

I have no doubt he will lead that command to great success. He and his wife's tireless work and strong leadership, dedication and influence on Navy Recruiting are easy to see in just about every facet of the organization. I am personally grateful to have served with him. He has listened to the chiefs and understands the importance of deckplate leadership and his support has been critical to the success of recruiters in the field.

That deckplate leadership comes from a strong chief's mess and it's that time of year when many first class petty officers begin their own transition and trade their crow's for anchors.

But as Chiefs, Induction brings with it the opportunity to rejuvenate ourselves while we prepare thousands of Sailors to join the Mess in September. More importantly, it prepares those leaders to preserve the credibility of our community and prepares them to lead Sailors on the deckplate.



FORCM(SW/AW) Christopher L. Penton
Force Master Chief, Navy Recruiting Command



Read and understand the MCPON's guidance for this induction season and understand that our heritage comes from our sense of purpose and our past. I expect every chief petty officer to understand their role in the Induction process and to adhere to the Navy Ethos, Navy Core Values and the CPO

Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles. You are the fulcrum of our Navy. Never forget why we are here – we each swore an oath to protect and defend our great nation.

Keep strong as you work toward your goal of recruiting the finest this nation has to offer.

As always, I can't wait to see you out in the fleet!





Olympic Medalist Takes Shot at Becoming a NAVY SEAL



*Story by Mass Communication Specialist
1st Class David McKee, NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs*

LOS ANGELES – On April 15 in a swearing-in ceremony at Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Los Angeles headquarters, Olympic medalist Larsen Jensen assessed into the Navy officer program. This champion swimmer now looks forward to pursuing another lifelong dream: to serve his country and give back.

"I've been tremendously blessed. I've gone to a great university. I've gone to the Olympics. Now I want to give back to the country that has been so generous to me with opportunities," said Jensen, a Bakersfield, Calif., native and graduate of the University of Southern California.

Jensen departed April 18 for Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, R. I. There he is undergoing 12 weeks of physically and mentally challenging training by the very best of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

Lt. j.g. Sarah Sirkin, a graduate of OCS currently serving on USS *Anzio* (CG 68), can attest that Jensen will face one of the most daunting chapters in his life. "The constant state of stress that begins the moment a prospective officer candidate arrives on deck continues to the moment they take the oath to become a United States Naval officer. You can be a star college athlete or a nuclear scientist and there is no guarantee that you will even make it to day three of training. Only the very best will be invited to commissioning day," said Sirkin.

"I fully understand this will be a tremendous task, and I hope my Olympic training can help me at Officer

Candidate School," said 25 year-old Jensen. The celebrated swimmer earned a silver medal in the 2004 Athens, Greece, Olympics, and the bronze at the 2008 Beijing, China, Olympics.

After OCS, Jensen hopes to go to Basic Underwater Demolition/Sea, Air, Land (BUD/S) (SEAL) Training.

Almost 100 men applied for SEAL training. Of those, 38 were selected for the board and out of those, six were selected to go on BUD/S.

Unlike the nuclear officer, civilian and chaplain programs, there is no SEAL officer program. Both enlisted and officers attend BUD/S.

"Becoming a SEAL in the officer community isn't an easy task. Ascension to the wardroom in the SEAL community is more prominent than in most ratings, so it is very competitive," according to officer recruiter Chief Navy Counselor (SW) Robert Weekes.

But between the first day of BUD/S and the day when Jensen pins a gold trident above the left pocket of his uniform, he knows that the rigors of OCS are still ahead.

"I am taking a very narrow view of the big picture. I am going to remain focused on going one step at a time," Jensen said.

(Editor's note: Photo is on the back cover of this issue.)



Fleet Diversity Council Explores...

"What If?"



By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Duke Richardson, NRD San Diego Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO – The Navy's Fleet Diversity Council held its ninth annual meeting on April 28 in San Diego. The theme of this year's meeting was "The Power of What If? An Open-Minded Approach to Diversity."

Sailors from various commands, pay grades, and backgrounds attended this year's conference to hear guest speakers shed light on the importance of incorporating diversity to ensure continued successes and growth within the Navy.

"Sometimes we have a tendency to get inside a 'comfort zone' where we get accustomed to things being a certain way and also surround ourselves with others who share the same outlook on different things," said keynote speaker, Dr. Steve L. Robbins. Robbins continued, "This is a part of the efficiency principal where the brain tries to conserve as much energy as possible. [But in order to grow and become more efficient] it is wise to get out of that zone and away from potential close-mindedness. To succeed, we must be intentional about practicing open-mindedness [through diversity]."

According to the Navy's Diversity Director, it is imperative the messages put forth by the guest speakers at the conference filter out to the fleet, especially since diversity is one of the top priorities set forth by the Chief of Naval Operations.

"I need all of you to take what you learned here today back to the waterfront, and to all of your commands," said Capt. Ken Barrett, Navy's Diversity Director. "That way, the diversity directorate can continue to bring these speakers out to you and help diversity within the Navy grow."

The Diversity Directorate provides the Navy with the tools and resources to help create and sustain a cultural awareness that values diversity and an environment where every individual prospers and contributes to the mission.



NRD San Francisco

Armed Forces Military Challenge



Story and photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st (SW/AW) James Evans Coyle,
NRD San Francisco Public Affairs

SAN FRANCISCO – An elite group of eight determined athletes from Navy Recruiting District (NRD) San Francisco represented the United States Navy at the Armed Forces Military Challenge during the San Francisco 49ers Family Day on June 13.

The competition featured a series of four events in which teams battled the clock for the best times in each event. The challenges, held on legendary Bill Walsh Field inside Candlestick Park, consisted of a 60-yard shuttle run, an obstacle course, a 40-yard sprint relay and an extra-point kicking competition. According to event coordinator, Ian Mayne, the Armed Forces Military Challenge started off during the Football Festival at the National Football League's Pro Bowl in Honolulu in 2003. Because of its success, San Francisco 49ers Family Day coordinators wanted something similar as part of their family day.

"The military challenge during the pro bowl is a really big deal for everyone over in Hawaii and it's just gotten bigger and bigger each year with each branch of the military aiming for the bragging rights," said Mayne.

"When we were planning the events for the 49ers Family Day, we thought if we could get any local military to participate in a military challenge it would only make the family day that much better. We had a quick response of people who wanted to participate and we were able to give the military challenge a green light. It's really awesome we could have the challenge here. All the fans, all the kids, and all the people who came out here today got to see people from the military competing in actual, NFL-quality events and really got into it," related Mayne.

One of 11 zone supervisors at NRD San Francisco, Chief Navy Counselor (SW) Kevin Ray said the community interaction and team camaraderie, combined with the opportunity to compete against the other branches of the military, was a great motivator and lots of fun.

"It was a big morale builder to be out here as [a] team with people I've known and worked with at the command for so long. With all the television cameras on us up on the stadium's jumbo-tron proudly showing our Navy colors to everyone present, was a great Navy awareness opportunity," said Ray.

Navy team participant Navy Counselor 1st Class (SS) Randall McAllister said he hopes for a return of the Armed Forces Military Challenge Day again next year and he will be looking for additional events to be included.

"I was hoping they would have had something of a passing-skills type of challenge in the contest," said McAllister. "As I do everyday with my recruiting duties, I take my passing attack pretty seriously and it's something I'm proud of," added McAllister.

Mayne said a return trip of the Armed Forces Military Challenge will most likely be on the schedule for 2010. According to him, "Because of how well the challenge went here this year, I can say it's a pretty solid lock we'll be back here next year."



Scores at Military Challenge



Above: Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 2nd Class (AW/SW) Curtis Goldwire steps into kicking a point-after-touchdown attempt at Candlestick Park.
Inset: The team representing the United States Navy was comprised of recruiters and support staff from NRD San Francisco. Members were (front row, left to right) Navy Counselor 1st Class (SS) Randall McAllister; Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SW/AW) Joshua McDonald; Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Jamison Brooks; (back row, left to right) Navy Counselor 1st Class (SW/AW) Berry Gipson; Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 2nd Class (AW/SW) Curtis Goldwire; Damage Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Jose Cortez; Chief Navy Counselor (SW) Kevin Ray; and Navy Counselor 1st Class (SS) Jason Lehrmann.

U.S. Navy Honored at Nation's Oldest Armed Forces Day Parade



Story by Pam Branch, NRC Public Affairs

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David McKee, NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs

TORRANCE, Calif. – The City of Torrance is one of the few cities in the nation designated by the Department of Defense to host an Armed Forces Day celebration. Although the celebration is spread out over a three-day period, it's the parade that is the highlight each year.

Marking the 50th consecutive year that the City of Torrance has honored the military in this manner, the longest running Armed Forces Day parade in the United States was held May 16.

This year's honored branch of military service was the U. S. Navy with Commander, Navy Region Southwest's Rear Adm. Leendert Hering serving as parade grand marshal.

Thousands of people lined the two-mile parade route to watch dozens of entries in the parade. Participants included military vehicles, floats, color guards, Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto, City of Torrance councilmen, state politicians, dance groups, police units, various Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, numerous bands including the Navy Region Southwest Band, and multiple military groups such as Prisoner of War veterans, World War II veterans, Tuskegee Airmen, Vietnam veterans, Veterans of



Commander, Navy Region Southwest, Rear Adm. Leendert Hering administers the oath of enlistment to Delayed Entry Personnel at the 50th annual Torrance Armed Forces Parade. Hering was also the grand marshal of this year's parade.

Foreign Wars, Delayed Entry Program personnel (DEPpers), and American Legions.

After marching to the grandstand, Hering administered the oath of enlistment to the DEPpers.

Other activities spread out over the three-day extravaganza were military exhibits, concerts, and a dignitary dinner with the parade grand marshal.





NRD Ohio Sailors Perform at Kentucky Derby Ceremony



Story and photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Keith Bryska, NRD Ohio Public Affairs

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Sailors from Navy Recruiting District Ohio participated in a ceremony at the Kentucky Derby on May 2 to memorialize thoroughbred race horse Eight Belles. The ceremony took place at Churchill Downs and was conducted just prior to the beginning of the race.

Mechanic 1st Class (AW) Ganesh Shah helped coordinate and conduct the ceremony. “It was a great honor to perform in the ceremony. Everyone in the great state of Kentucky felt really sad last year when Eight Belles was euthanized. This has always been a thoroughbred state and we take our love of horses very seriously,” said Ray.

Kentucky Derby officials had requested the participation of the Sailors at this special event to serve as sideboys and present a shadow box to the horse’s owner. Eight Belles was the runner-up in the 2008 134th running of the Kentucky Derby. The filly was euthanized shortly after the race finished when she simultaneously broke both front ankles.

Chief Quartermaster (SW) Jason Ray and Aviation Structural



NRD Ohio Sailors participate in a ceremony at the Kentucky Derby in Louisville, Ky., to memorialize the late thoroughbred race horse Eight Belles. The ceremony took place at Churchill Downs just prior to the beginning of the 2009 annual horse race.

The ceremony consisted of having Shah ring eight bells, each peal representing a different meaning (spirit, courage, hope, beauty, heart, grace, determination and champion). "It was truly an honor," said Shah.

Also on hand was Boatswain Mate 2nd Class (SW) Mike Terkawi who had the honor of piping attention during the ceremony with his boatswain's whistle. "I was a little nervous at first," said Terkawi. "I didn't realize there would be over 150,000 people in attendance, which is a lot more than we have on a ship." Terkawi also said he felt honored to perform in the event, "It is by far the largest event in this state and the largest horse race in the world."

In the ceremony, Ray and Navy Counselor (CRF) Master Chief Gregg Rabung presented a shadow box

with a photo of Eight Belles to her owner, Rick Porter. "It was a beautiful photo of a great horse. I know Mr. Porter was really proud to have received it on the same track on which Eight Belles passed away," said Ray.

All 150,000 fans stood up during the ceremony to show their respect to the fallen horse. "I was truly amazed by the kindness and appreciation of everyone at the event," said Rabung. "I was in over 100 photos and it seems every person at the event shook my hand and thanked me for my service. It was a truly moving experience."

After the ceremony, the Sailors stayed at the event to enjoy the 135th running of the Kentucky Derby in which the underdog, Mine That Bird, took home the trophy.



NRS Ft. Smith Keeps DEPpers Informed



By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kim deJong, NRD Nashville Public Affairs

FT. SMITH, Ark. – Beginning in May, Navy Recruiting Station Ft. Smith, Ark., is keeping their Delayed Entry Program personnel (DEPpers) informed with the creation of the station's first DEPpers newsletter.

This new newsletter consists of four to five pages filled with information highlighting the DEPpers and their accomplishments, along with basic military training information.

"I thought creating a newsletter for the station was a great opportunity to get the word out to our DEPpers," said Storekeeper 2nd Class (SCW) Jarrod Moore.

The newsletter will feature stories about the community service projects the DEPpers take part in, the rate of the month, DEPper of the month, a calendar of station events, along with a section welcoming new DEPpers to the station and saying goodbye to shipping DEPpers.

The newsletter is being created by Devyn Smith, a junior at Southside High School who plans on joining the Navy this summer. Smith will have a staff of two-three fellow juniors who will assist her in creating the newsletter.

"Miss Smith is an applicant who works on her high school yearbook committee and I asked her what she thought about having her own newsletter and she ran with it," said Moore. "This month [May] will be our first edition. I have reviewed the contents and Smith did an amazing job."

The newsletter will be created monthly and it will be distributed during the monthly DEPpers meeting.

"It makes me proud to know that we have an amazing enough DEPpers pool to be able to have our own newsletter. It makes me feel good to know that our guys and girls are excited about it as well," said Moore.



Los Angeles Recruiters Support Dodgers Home Opening Game



By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David McKee, NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Joseph M. Buliavac, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)

LOS ANGELES – More than 75 Sailors unfurled an American flag the size of a football field at Dodgers Stadium during ceremonies for their home-game opener April 13.

The pre-game ceremonies included presentation of international flags and singing of the national anthem before unfurling the flag and the grand finale, a flyover by an Air Force B-2 bomber.

Participating Sailors are attached to Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Los Angeles and USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76). They were given round-trip bus transportation and a seat for the game.

The theme for this year's opening ceremony was the importance of the sport of baseball as an ambassador of goodwill internationally and as a vehicle to express patriotism.



Sailors and Marines assigned to various commands around Southern California hold an American flag during the National Anthem as part of pre-game ceremonies at the opening-day game held at Dodgers Stadium between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Francisco Giants.

"Today's game gave the fans, the U.S. Navy and Dodgers the opportunity to rekindle their mutual appreciation for the great American pastime, and pay homage to baseball's international influence which spans generations rather than years," said Lt. Damian Szeneri, NRD Los Angeles officer programs officer.

"Since their move to L.A., Navy Recruiting District Los Angeles and the Dodgers organization have developed a strong relationship which provides for us the opportunity to celebrate our mutual patriotism and love of the game of baseball, a relationship we will continue to foster in the future."

Chuck Rundle, a Vietnam veteran with the Army Security Agency, was touched by the ceremony and proud to see the flag displayed so boldly by men and women who deserve their country's respect and admiration. "I like it when they do things like this and I am proud of what they do every day," commented Rundle.

After the ceremony, the Sailors and Marines watched the Dodgers trounce the San Francisco Giants 11-1 in nine innings. For Szeneri, a lifelong Dodgers fan who was designated fan of the month in the June 2008 *Dodgers Magazine*, the game will be engrained in his memory and a story he will pass on to future generations of friends and family members.



"Being a participant at opening day ceremonies and a representative for the Navy was a dream come true. These are two of the biggest influences on my life and it is something I will remember forever with heartfelt pride. 'Thank you' to the Dodgers and to the fans for making it so memorable," said Szeneri.



WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE?

SEAL AND AIR RESCUE SWIMMER (AIRR) REMAIN HIGH PRIORITY FOR NAVY ENLISTED PROGRAMS. THE NAVY IS LOOKING FOR MEN WHO ARE INTERNALLY MOTIVATED, DISCIPLINED, AND DESIRE TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THEMSELVES. A HIGH DEGREE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, COUPLED WITH FOCUSED DESIRE AND DETERMINATION, ARE KEYS TO SUCCESS IN THESE NAVY RATINGS. COMPLETING THE ARDUOUS TRAINING IS JUST THE FIRST STEP. OUR NAVY NEEDS THESE MEN TO DEPLOY AND TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY.

SEE YOUR DISTRICT'S NSW/NSO COORDINATORS AND MENTORS FOR DETAILS.



Father Commissions Daughter into Navy Nurse Corps



By Pam Branch, NRC Public Affairs

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Christopher Blachly, NRC



Millington, Tenn. – Certain things stand out on an individual's short list of their life's greatest events. Typically on the list are being an all-star athlete; excelling scholastically; meeting your mate; getting married; the birth of your children and grandchildren; and achieving professional success. Most people experience some or all of these. It is rarer, however, for one to have the privilege of inducting your child into the same profession as yours. Recently, Capt. Jeffrey Nevels, Navy Recruiting Command's director of Local Advertising Division in the Advertising and Marketing Department, did just that.

On May 8, Nevels had the distinct pleasure of commissioning his daughter, Lauren, into the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps during a ceremony at Auburn University's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) headquarters in Auburn, Ala.

Ensign Nevels graduated summa cum laude (4.0 GPA) from Auburn's School of Nursing and is scheduled to report to Naval Hospital Guam in July.

Capt. Nevels has known since Lauren was 10 years old that she had an affinity for Navy nurses. That was when Lauren was a patient at Naval Hospital Balboa in San Diego with a serious bone infection. Because of that experience and the care and concern she received, she decided that was what she wanted to do with her life. She never wavered.

Although Nevels always mentored his daughter to be a servant leader and to put others before self, he states, "I'm

extremely proud of Lauren and her accomplishments. I'm proud of her desire to serve. She loves the Navy, the Navy family, and the people we get to serve with."

He adds, "Being able to commission my daughter into the Navy Nurse Corps was a highlight for me. I got very emotional when speaking at the ceremony about Lauren's two uncles in the Marine Corps, her maternal grandfather who served in the Army during World War II, her paternal grandfather who served in the Navy during the Korean War, plus many other family members who've served in our armed forces."



It never entered Capt. Jeffrey Nevels' mind in 1980 when he was commissioned into the U.S. Navy that he would one day commission one of his own children into the Navy. Upon her recent graduation from Auburn University, he swore daughter Lauren Nevels into the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

A large contingency attended the ceremony and witnessed the event. Besides her parents, her sister, both sets of grandparents, a cousin, and many local Auburn friends and church members were present.

According to Lauren, "This is one of the most memorable experiences of my life. My father has been such a wonderful influence on me."

Since her commissioning, notification was received that Lauren had been selected to receive the Navy League's Adm. James L. Holloway,

Jr., award as the top NROTC graduate across the entire country. She was presented an engraved watch and certificate in a ceremony at Auburn on June 30.

Nevels and his wife, Susan, have three other children: Mike, a lance corporal in the Marine Corps serving in Iraq; Robert, who works in the hotel industry in Memphis; and Alison, a sophomore at Union University in Jackson, Tenn.



Diversity Blitz

Spotlights Navy Opportunities



Story and photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kim deJong, NRD Nashville Public Affairs

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – In an effort to raise Navy awareness, Navy Recruiting District Nashville conducted a diversity blitz in and around Fayetteville April 13-17. Both officer and enlisted recruiters helped raise awareness of high school and university students, focusing on providing information to students about educational and career opportunities that the Navy offers.

"The goal of the blitz was to bring Navy awareness to the community by making them aware of the career opportunities available to them in the Navy and to give them a better understanding of the Navy's mission," said Lt. Adam McKain, who spoke at the Society of Women Engineers meeting at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

The Sailors gave nine presentations to the University of Arkansas students and had information booths set up throughout the university campus. The presentations ranged in topics from officer opportunities in the Navy, to the Navy Civil Engineer Corps program, to the Navy nuclear program.

Along with the events at the university, Sailors took the Navy theme-wrapped Suburban, equipped with video games, to several local area high schools.

"The best thing about having the blitz is that it helps promote Navy awareness at the local high schools and having the Suburban really helps to draw attention, giving recruiters the opportunity to talk to future applicants," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Brian Hillard.

The recruiters did not limit their appearances to the schools. They also went into the community to take part in three outreach projects. They served food at a local soup kitchen, spoke with patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital, and worked with a local non-profit organization to build an addition on to an elderly woman's home.



Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Brian Hillard speaks to a possible applicant during a Navy awareness event as part of Navy Recruiting District Nashville's diversity blitz in Fayetteville, Ark. In the background is the Navy theme-wrapped Suburban, equipped with video games, which is always a crowd eye-catcher. The event was held as part of an intense week-long campaign designed to educate the community about opportunities in the Navy.

"It is important to hold events such as this blitz to emphasize the importance of giving back to the community, whether it is through serving your country or by taking part in community outreach projects. While visiting the veterans hospital, we were really able to see how happy it made the vets feel to see that the present-day military has not forgotten about their service," said McKain.



NRC Personnel Proctor ASVAB Tests at Local Schools

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Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jared M. Hill, NRC Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – Before the last bells rang at local schools for the summer, Navy Recruiting Command (NRC) Sailors volunteered as proctors for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) tests conducted at Whitehaven, Brighton, and Munford High Schools.

officers performed exemplary as proctors. Their outstanding assistance ensured efficient and flawless testing of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Their professionalism and performance reflect credit upon themselves, the United States Navy and the Military

NRC has been partnering with the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) Memphis for many years. During the 2008-2009 school year, NRC provided the majority of the proctors for these three schools.

The ASVAB tests last three hours and 15 minutes, and were taken by a total of 2,113 students. The test is managed by a military or civilian test administrator via a television channel or public address system.

The proctors' duties include assisting teachers in carrying test material to their classrooms and disseminating them to students, collecting tests after completion, and verifying that no tests were lost or compromised. Tests are then taken to MEPS Memphis where they are scored and returned to the school within 14 days.

Schools use ASVAB test results to identify students who potentially qualify for entry into the military and assignment to military occupational training.

According to J. B. Smiley, MEPS Memphis Education Service Specialist, "These Sailors and naval



Army Major Travis H. Jones, commander, Military Entrance Processing Center Memphis, expresses his gratitude for the outstanding volunteer work performed by Sailors of Navy Recruiting Command who proctored the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery tests conducted at Brighton High School.

Entrance Processing Command. The MEPS Memphis appreciates Navy Recruiting Command allowing personnel, naval officers, and Sailors to support our endeavor to make large-group testing a reality."

If you're interested in volunteering with ASVAB tests in your area, contact your local MEPS.





With Hammers and Nails, Sailors Build Community Relationships



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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – Eighteen Sailors and Delayed Entry Program personnel (DEPPers) helped build an addition onto Inalene Skelton-Lang's home on April 16 as part of a community outreach project.

The goal of the day was to get the framing completed, allowing access to Lang's home without having to climb the steep incline of her driveway. Climbing the stairs had caused Lang much difficulty in the past and she had fallen several times the last few months.

"It is a great to be out here helping out and to have the chance to make a difference in someone's life," said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class (AW) Christopher Richards.

The Sailors, DEPPers, volunteers from the non-profit organization Faith in Action, and members of Lang's church spent the day laying flooring, building walls, and placing the walls in their proper places.

"It means everything to me to be here. There is nothing I would rather be doing today than giving back to the community. The only thing that makes today even better is knowing that my DEPPers are here to help out and see what the Navy is all about; to see that the Navy helps out within the local communities,"

said Storekeeper 2nd Class (SCW) Jarrod Moore.

In addition to helping build the addition, DEPPers cleaned up debris from around Lang's yard. There were several trees that had been lying around since an ice storm in January.

"It is great that we can help out community members, especially those who assist and support the military," said Lt. Adam McKain. "Ms. Lang is a member of several veterans groups and it is an honor to be here assisting to build her addition."



Navy Counselor 1st Class (SS) Brian St. George measures a piece of lumber for a wall frame of a house addition as part of a community outreach project in Fayetteville, Ark. The new addition was constructed to improve the quality of life of a local community member and veterans advocate.



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NRS Stone Mountain
- NRD Atlanta
NRS Baybrook
- NRD Houston
NRS Indianapolis North
- NRD Michigan
NRS Southridge
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Medium

NRS North Andover
- NRD New England
NRS Elizabethtown
- NRD Ohio
NRS Champaign
- NRD St. Louis
NRS Kent
- NRD Seattle

Small

NRS Woodland
- NRD Houston
NRS Poughkeepsie
- NRD New England
NRS Washington D. C.
- NRD Richmond
NRS Northgate
- NRD Seattle

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NRD Atlanta

MM2 William Gable
OS2 Angela Nelson
STG2 Richard Lynn, Jr.
GSM2 Sadiki James
OS2 Shanique Green
SK2 Lamar Morales

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EM1 Efrain Dorado
IT1 Jason Gonzalez
CS2 David Acevedo

NRD Dallas

SH2 Jeremy Houston

NRD Denver

FC1 Christopher Sharp

NRD Houston

MM1 Terry Genzer
QM2 Eric Scott
MM1 Joshua Carlucci
IT1 Bridgett Broussard
MNC Renier Sudul
PC2 Eric Rangel

NRD Jacksonville

GSM2 Ceron Wellington
HT2 Jennia Lawson
SH2 Johnny Williams

NRD Los Angeles

RP2 Nino Miranda
GSE2 Farah Bautista
ET2 Emanuel Butler
AD1 Nicholas Anco
HM2 Franklin Agoun
IC2 Van Tran

NRD Miami

CTR1 Angel Garay
EM1 Curtis Bembow
SH2 Eric Freeman
AME1 David Rivera
YN2 Brendan Wehmann
CTR1 Matthew Perezluha

NRD Michigan

DC1 David Gerke (X2)
STG2 Jason Tone
AZ2 James Perry

NRD New England

EN2 Lowell Waddell
AO2 Christopher Senecal
AD1 Massamiliano Terzo
HT1 Bruce MacDougall
ABE1 Omar Bamba

NRD New York

AME2 Marvin Garcia (X2)
AO2 David Hormaza

NRD New Orleans

AS1 Franklin Gooden
AW2 Tony Howard

NRD Ohio

PC2 Thaddeus Berry
AO1 Benjamin Porter
SW1 Kevin Johnson
EN2 Thomas Monaham
CS2 Kowanda Rodriguez
AO2 Terry Deloof
MM1 Stephen Lovell

NRD Phoenix

EM2 Brian Begay
FC1 Edward Kreie
SK2 Marlene Armijo

NRD Philadelphia

HT2 Moises Paez

NRD Pittsburgh

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NRD Portland

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NRD Raleigh

BM1 Michael Thompson
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BM2 Jason Harrison
CS1 Ronald Sturtz
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